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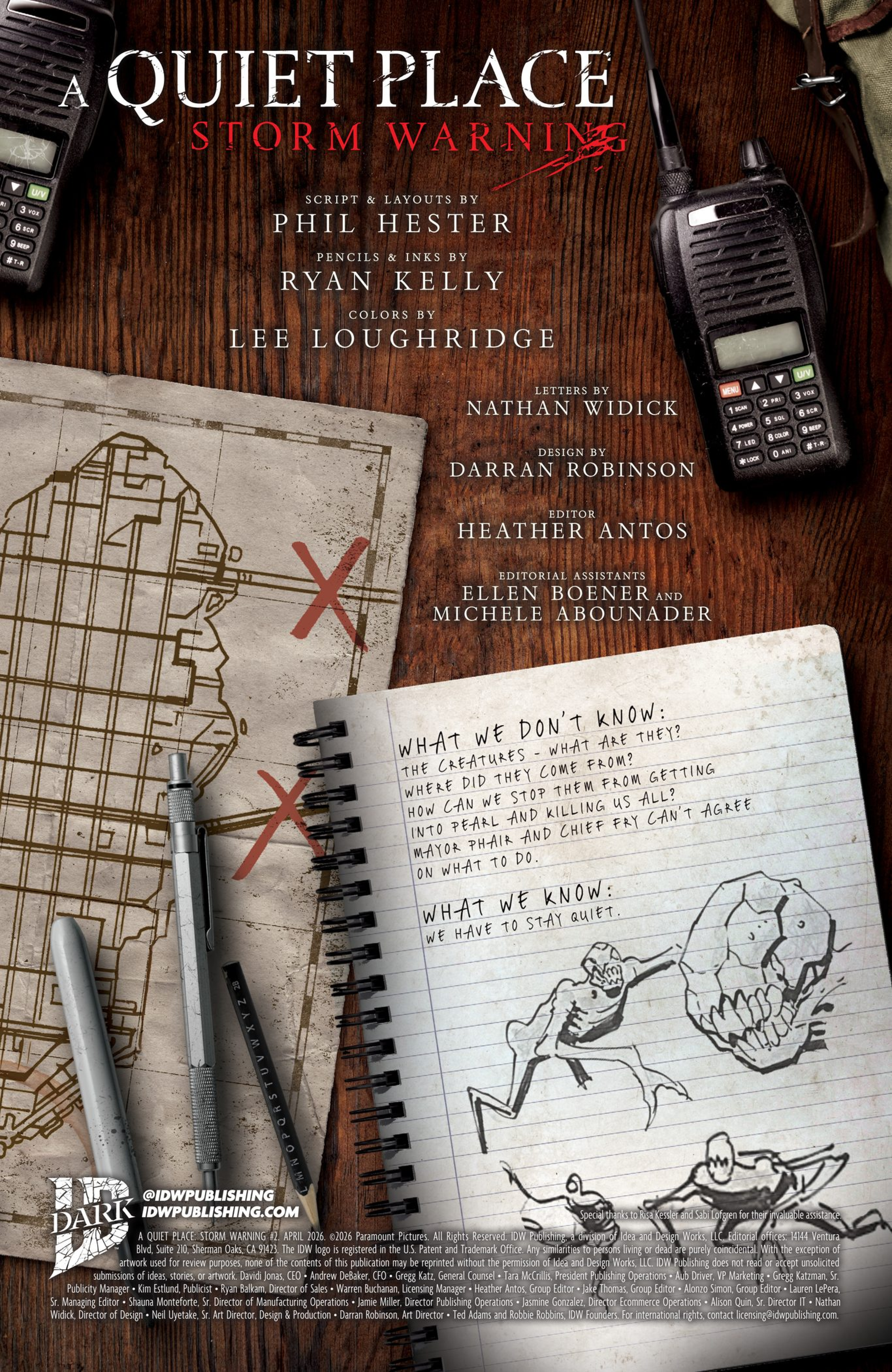

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WHAT WE DON'T KNOW:
THE CREATURES - WHAT ARE THEY?
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?
HOW CAN WE STOP THEM FROM GETTING
INTO PEARL AND KILLING US ALL?
MAYOR PHAIR AND CHIEF FRY CAN'T AGREE
ON WHAT TO DO.

WHAT WE KNOW:
WE HAVE TO STAY QUIET.

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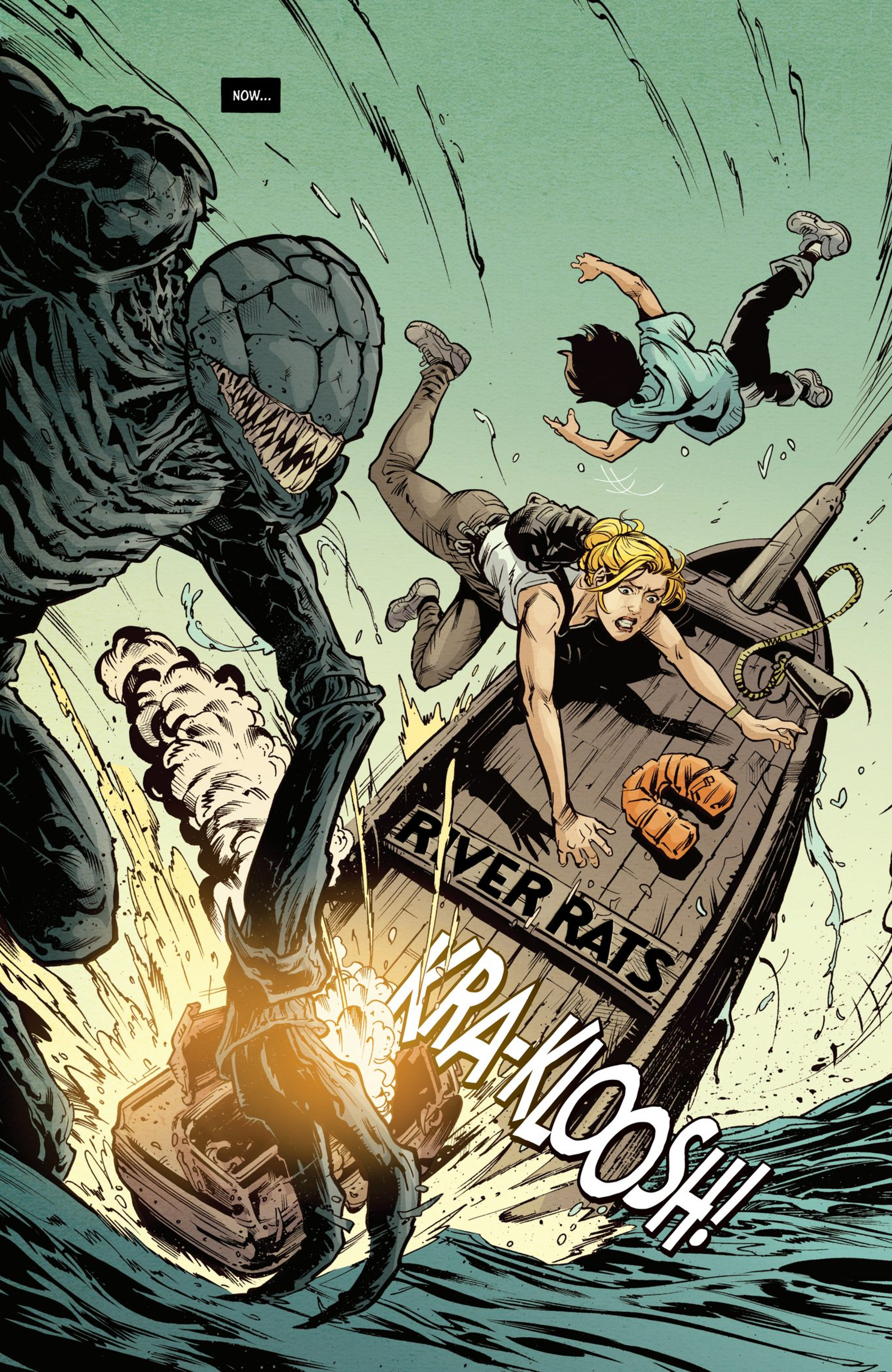
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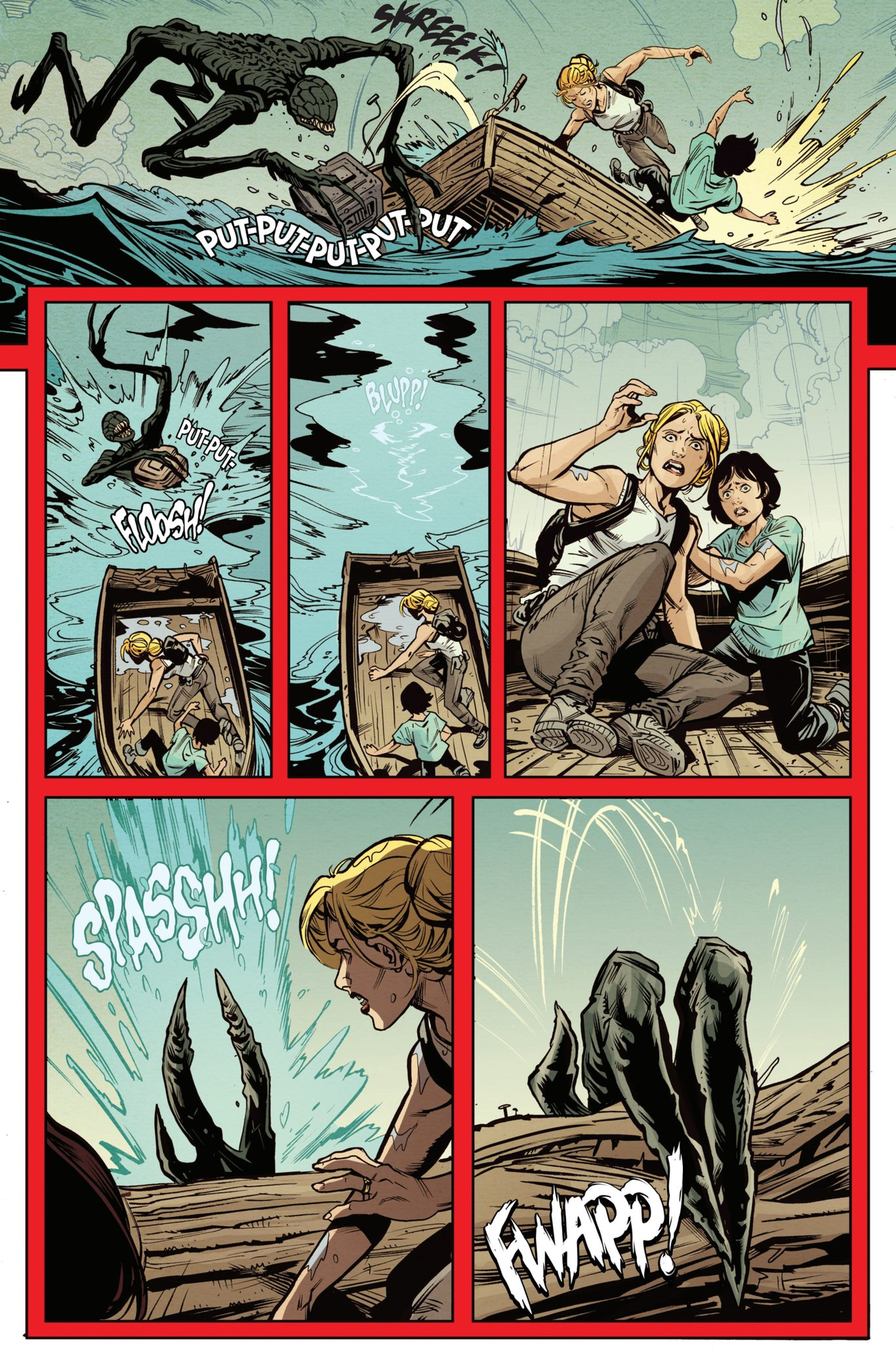
KRA-KLOOSH!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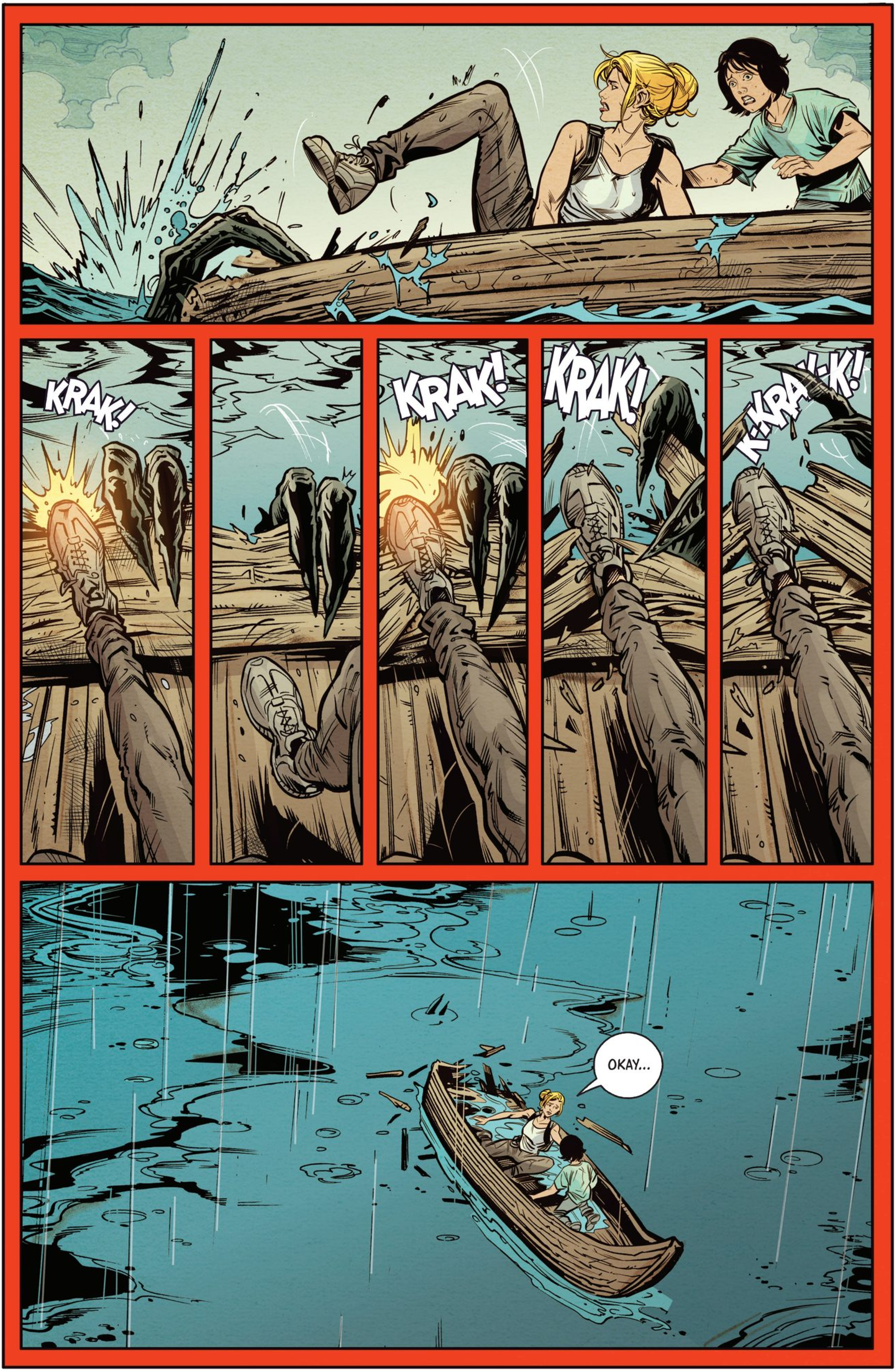
PUT-PUT-PUT-PUT-PUT
PUT-PUT-
FLOOSH!
BLUPP!
SPASSHH!
FWAPP!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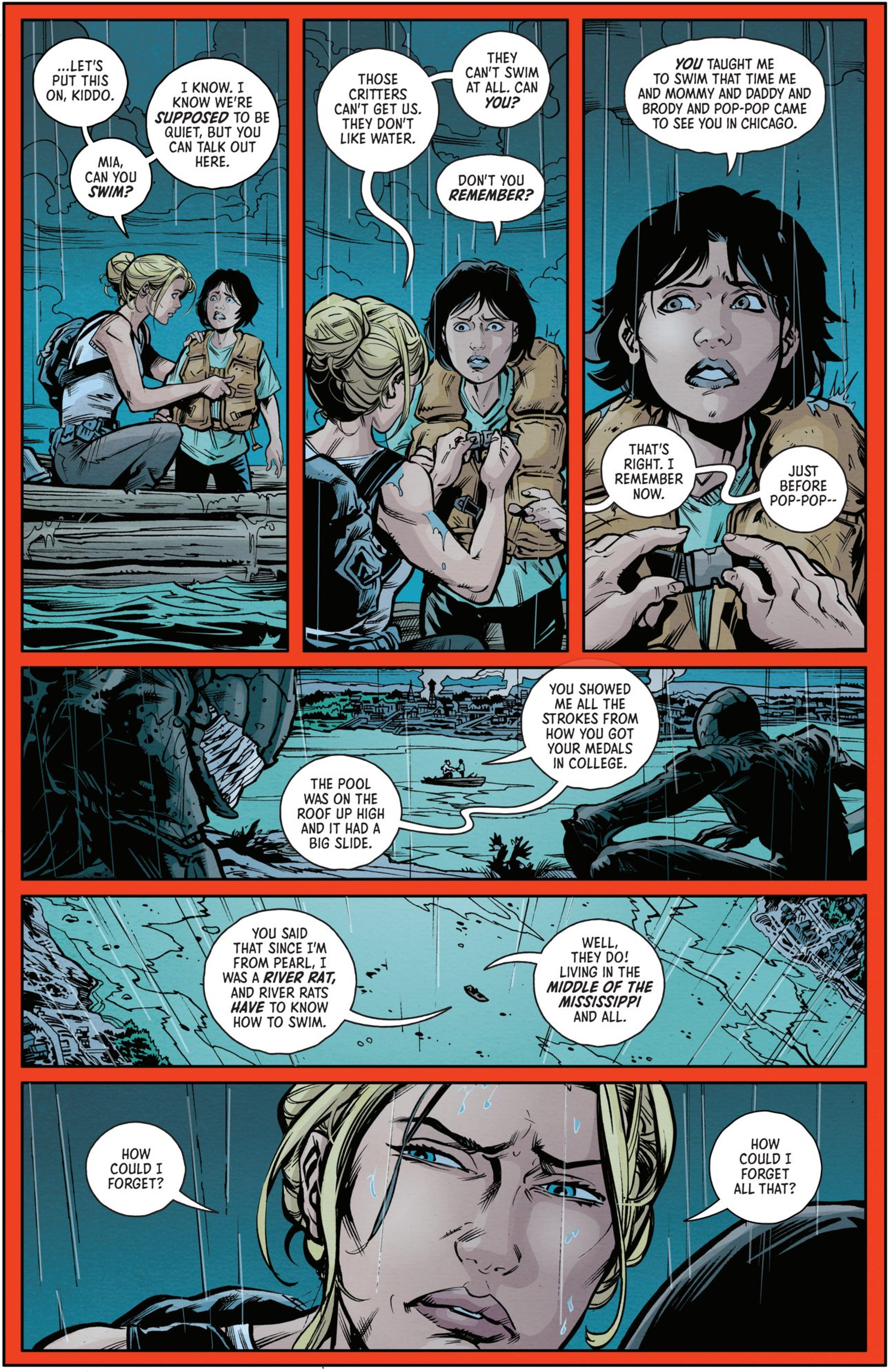
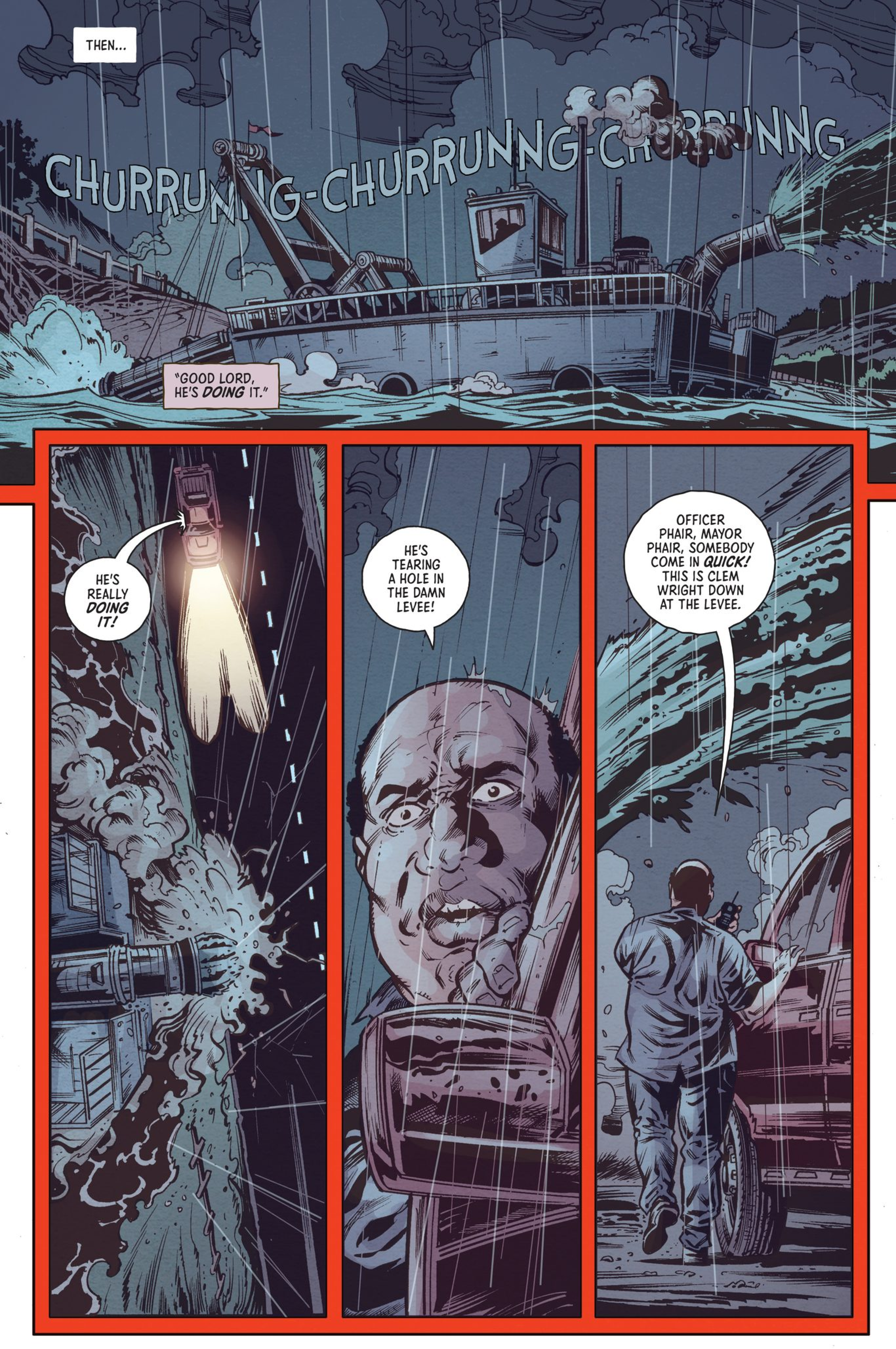
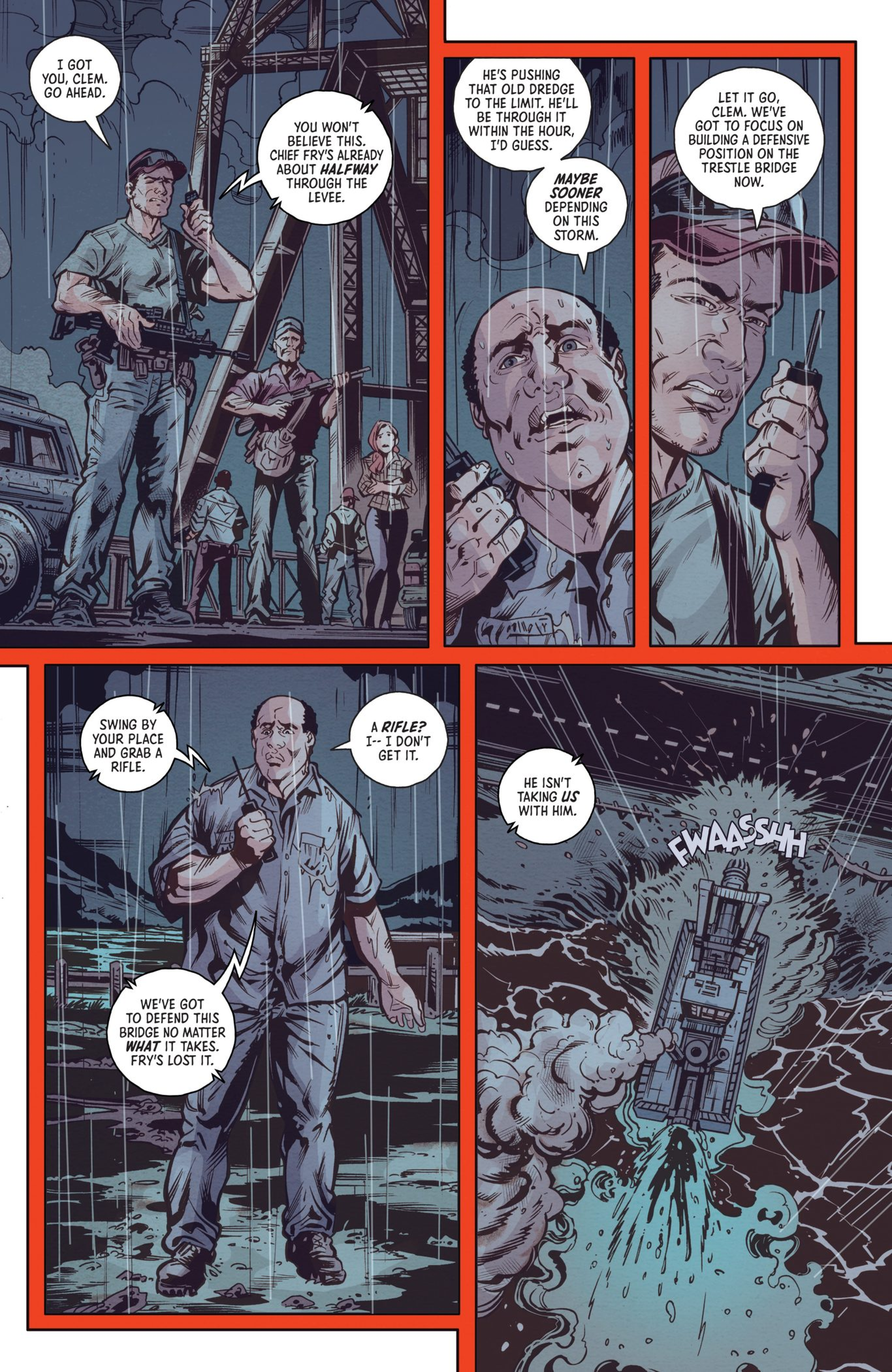
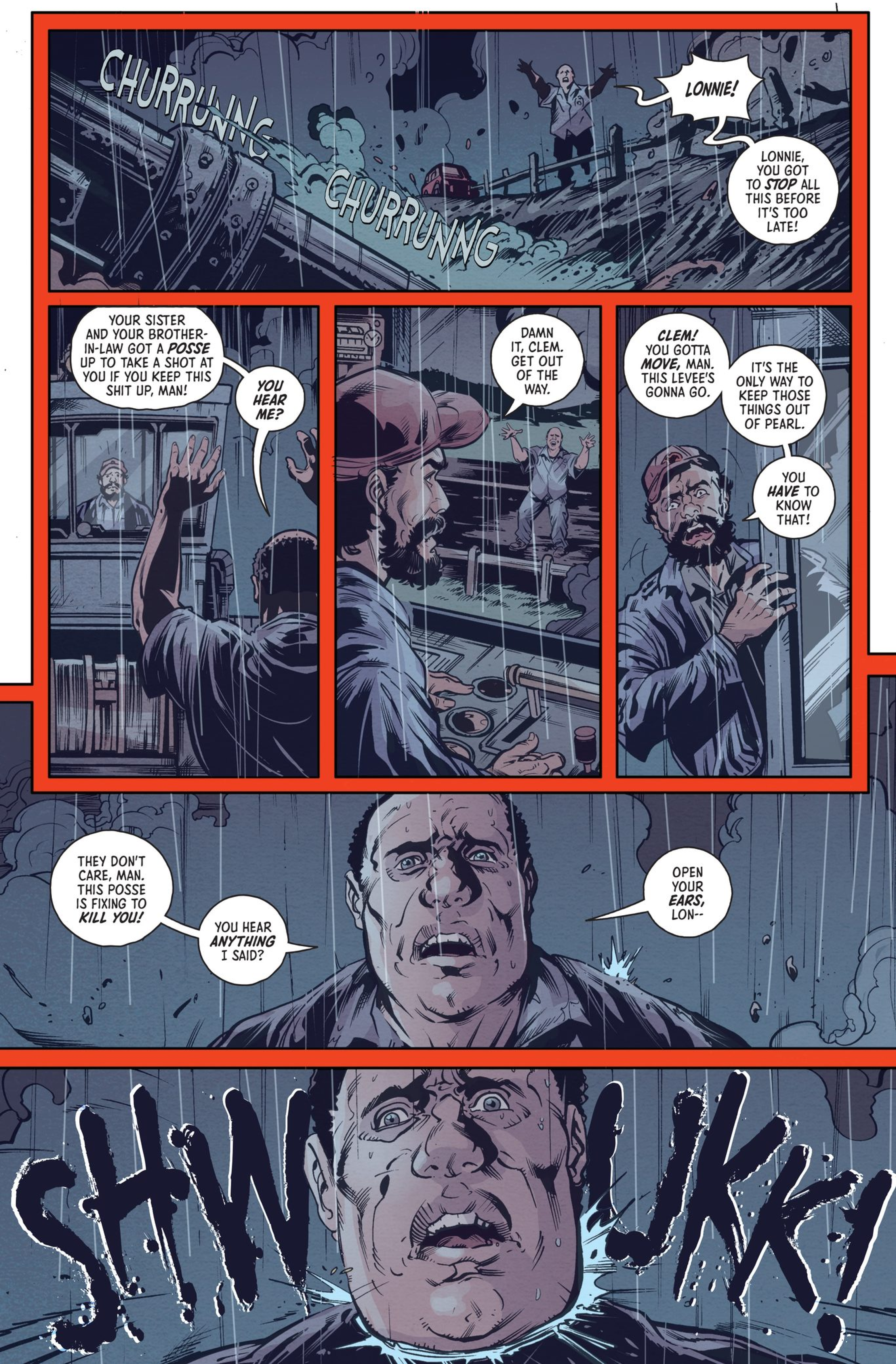
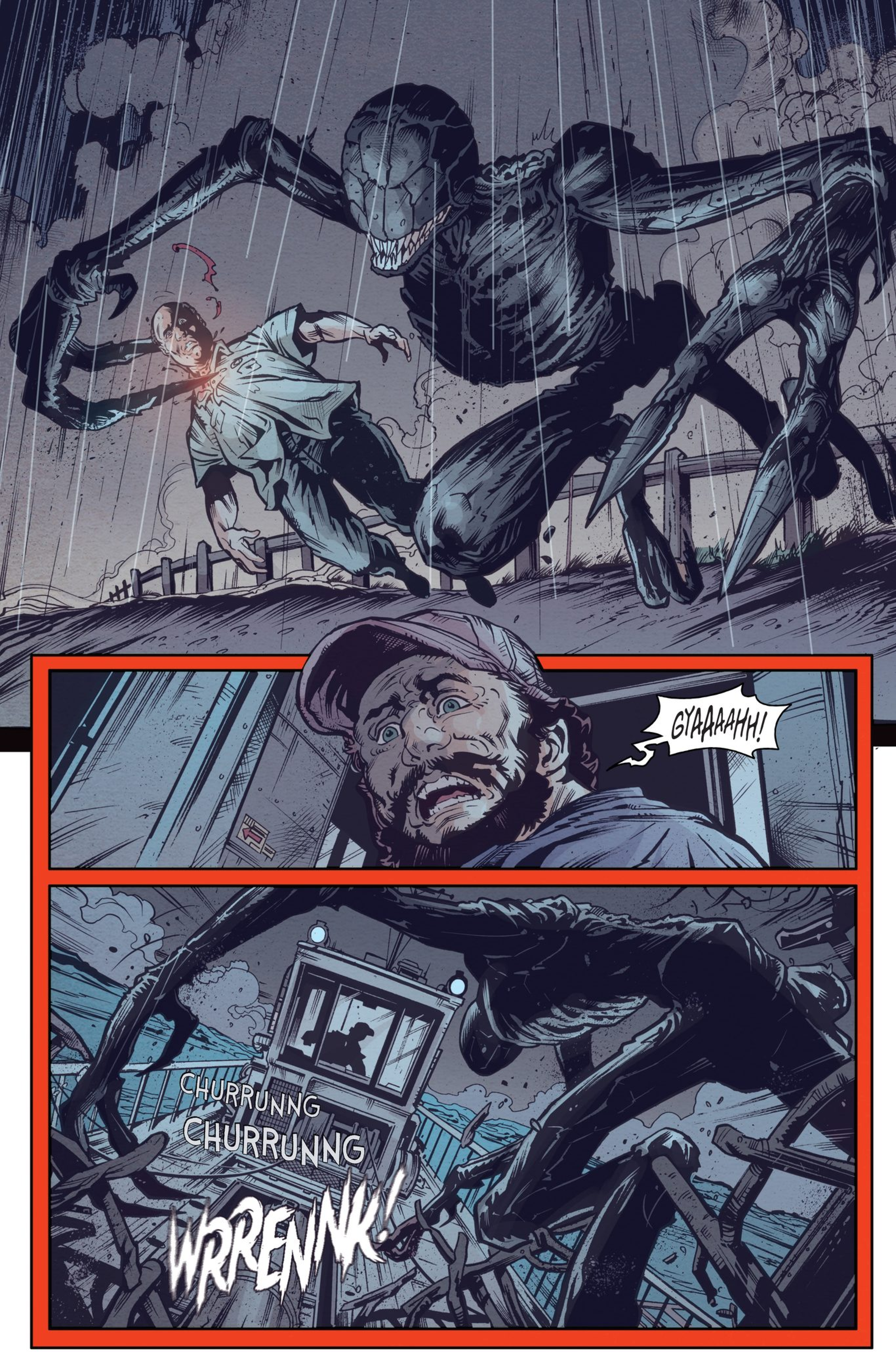
KRAK!
KRAK!
K-KRAK-K!
OKAY...

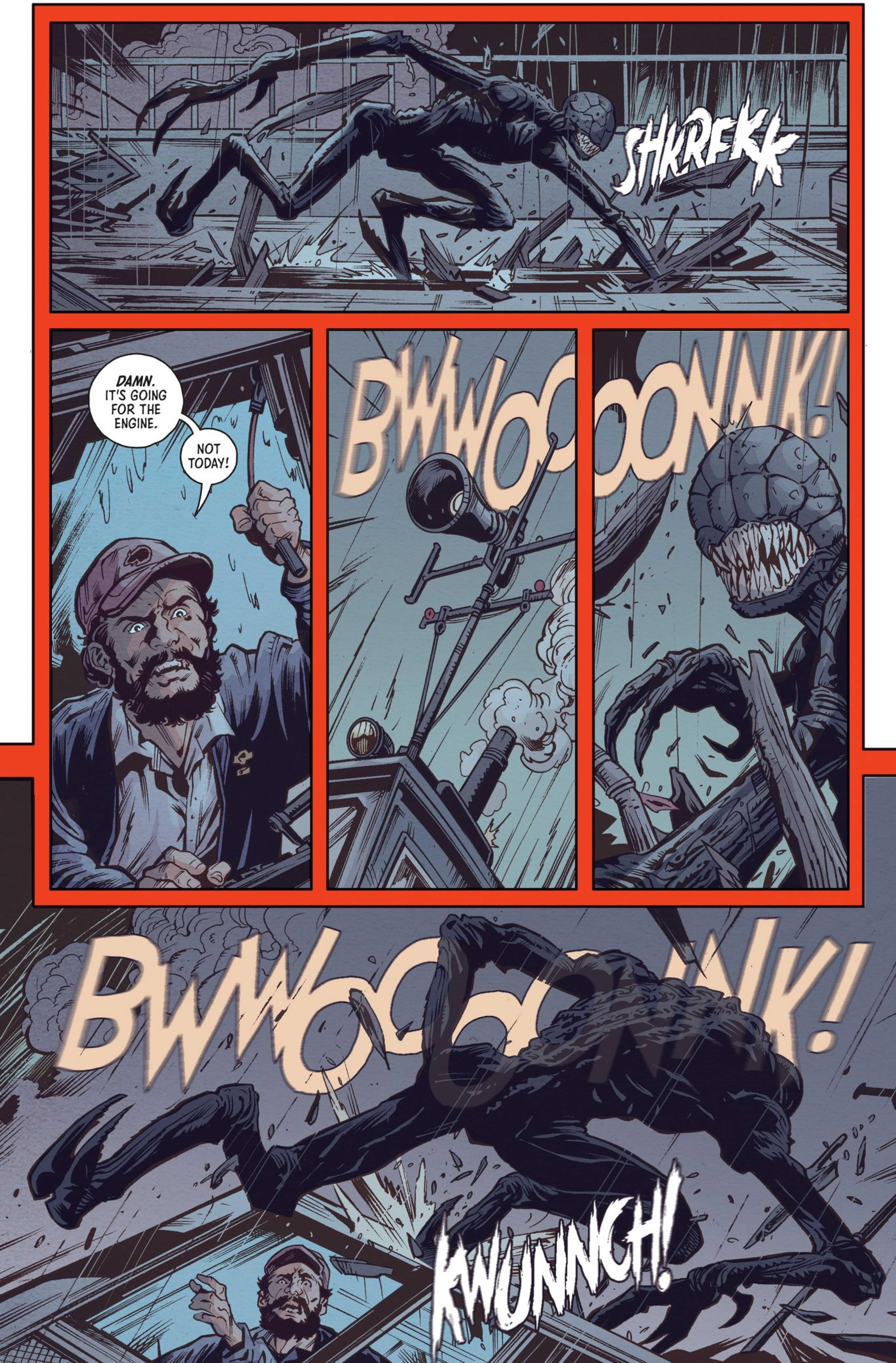

...LET'S PUT THIS ON, KIDDO.
MIA, CAN YOU *SWIM?*
I KNOW. I KNOW WE'RE *SUPPOSED* TO BE QUIET, BUT YOU CAN TALK OUT HERE.
THOSE CRITTERS CAN'T GET US. THEY DON'T LIKE WATER.
THEY CAN'T SWIM AT ALL. CAN *YOU?*
DON'T YOU *REMEMBER?*
YOU TAUGHT ME TO SWIM THAT TIME ME AND MOMMY AND DADDY AND BRODY AND POP-POP CAME TO SEE YOU IN CHICAGO.
THAT'S RIGHT. I REMEMBER NOW.
JUST BEFORE POP-POP--
YOU SHOWED ME ALL THE STROKES FROM HOW YOU GOT YOUR MEDALS IN COLLEGE.
THE POOL WAS ON THE ROOF UP HIGH AND IT HAD A BIG SLIDE.
YOU SAID THAT SINCE I'M FROM PEARL, I WAS A *RIVER RAT,* AND RIVER RATS *HAVE* TO KNOW HOW TO SWIM.
WELL, THEY DO! LIVING IN THE *MIDDLE OF THE MISSISSIPPI* AND ALL.
HOW COULD I FORGET?
HOW COULD I FORGET ALL THAT?

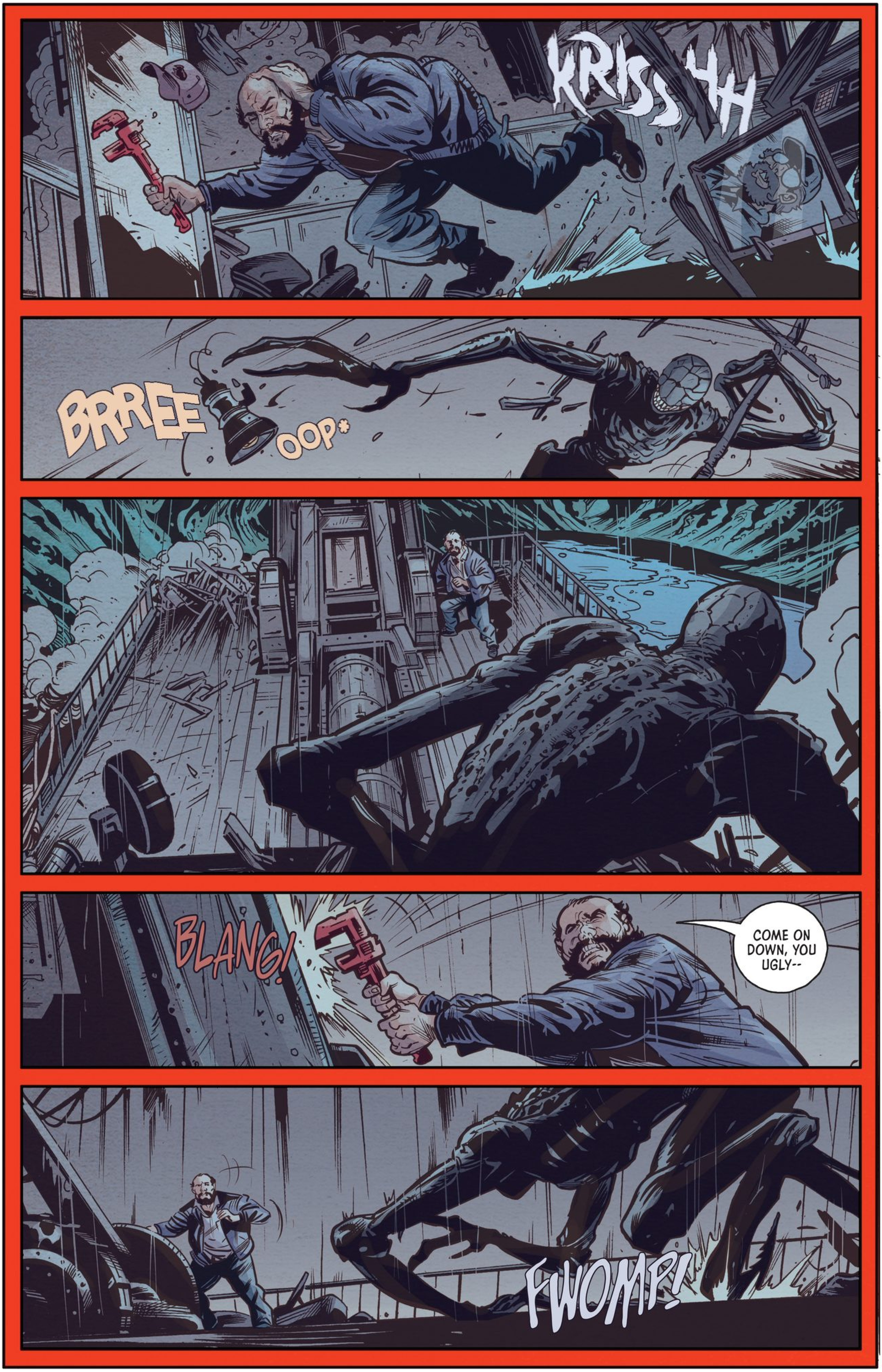

THEN...
CHURRUNNG-CHURRUNNG-CHURRUNNG
"GOOD LORD, HE'S *DOING* IT."
HE'S REALLY *DOING IT!*
HE'S TEARING A HOLE IN THE DAMN LEVEE!
OFFICER PHAIR, MAYOR PHAIR, SOMEBODY COME IN *QUICK!* THIS IS CLEM WRIGHT DOWN AT THE LEVEE.

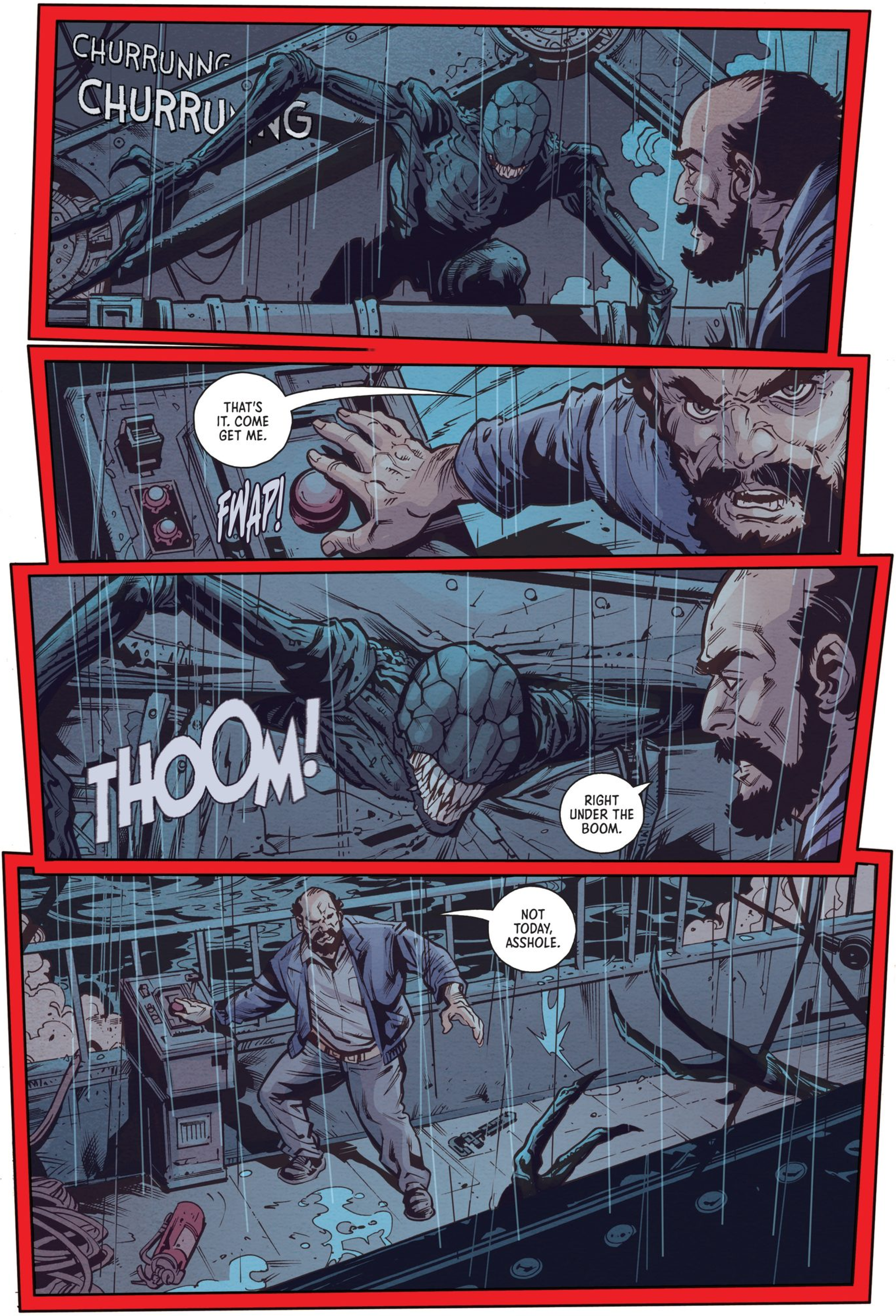

I GOT YOU, CLEM. GO AHEAD.
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS. CHIEF FRY'S ALREADY ABOUT ***HALFWAY*** THROUGH THE LEVEE.
HE'S PUSHING THAT OLD DREDGE TO THE LIMIT. HE'LL BE THROUGH IT WITHIN THE HOUR, I'D GUESS.
MAYBE SOONER DEPENDING ON THIS STORM.
LET IT GO, CLEM. WE'VE GOT TO FOCUS ON BUILDING A DEFENSIVE POSITION ON THE TRESTLE BRIDGE NOW.
SWING BY YOUR PLACE AND GRAB A RIFLE.
A ***RIFLE?*** I-- I DON'T GET IT.
WE'VE GOT TO DEFEND THIS BRIDGE NO MATTER ***WHAT*** IT TAKES. FRY'S LOST IT.
HE ISN'T TAKING ***US*** WITH HIM.
FWAASSHH

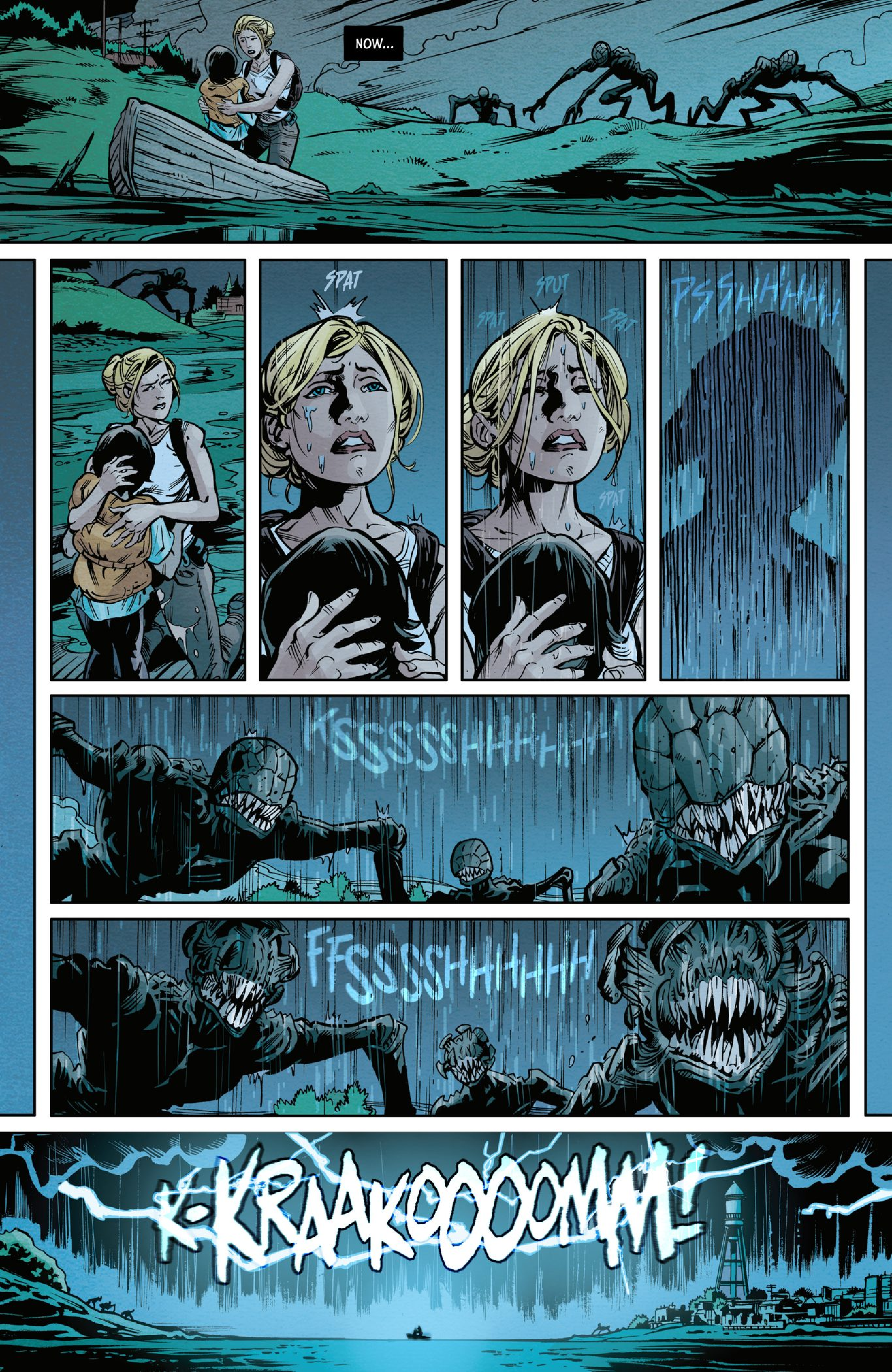

CHURRUNNG
CHURRUNNG
LONNIE!
LONNIE, YOU GOT TO STOP ALL THIS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
YOUR SISTER AND YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW GOT A POSSE UP TO TAKE A SHOT AT YOU IF YOU KEEP THIS SHIT UP, MAN!
YOU HEAR ME?
DAMN IT, CLEM. GET OUT OF THE WAY.
CLEM! YOU GOTTA MOVE, MAN. THIS LEVEE'S GONNA GO.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP THOSE THINGS OUT OF PEARL.
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT!
THEY DON'T CARE, MAN. THIS POSSE IS FIXING TO KILL YOU!
YOU HEAR ANYTHING I SAID?
OPEN YOUR EARS, LON--
SHWUKK!


GYAAAAHH!
CHURRUNNG
CHURRUNNG
WRRENNK!


SHKRFKK
DAMN. IT'S GOING FOR THE ENGINE.
NOT TODAY!
BWWOOONNK!
BWWOOONNK!
KWUNNCH!


KRISSHH
BRREE OOP*
BLANG!
COME ON DOWN, YOU UGLY--
FWOMP!


CHURRUNNG
CHURRUNNG
THAT'S IT. COME GET ME.
FWAP!
THOOM!
RIGHT UNDER THE BOOM.
NOT TODAY, ASSHOLE.


NOW...
SPAT
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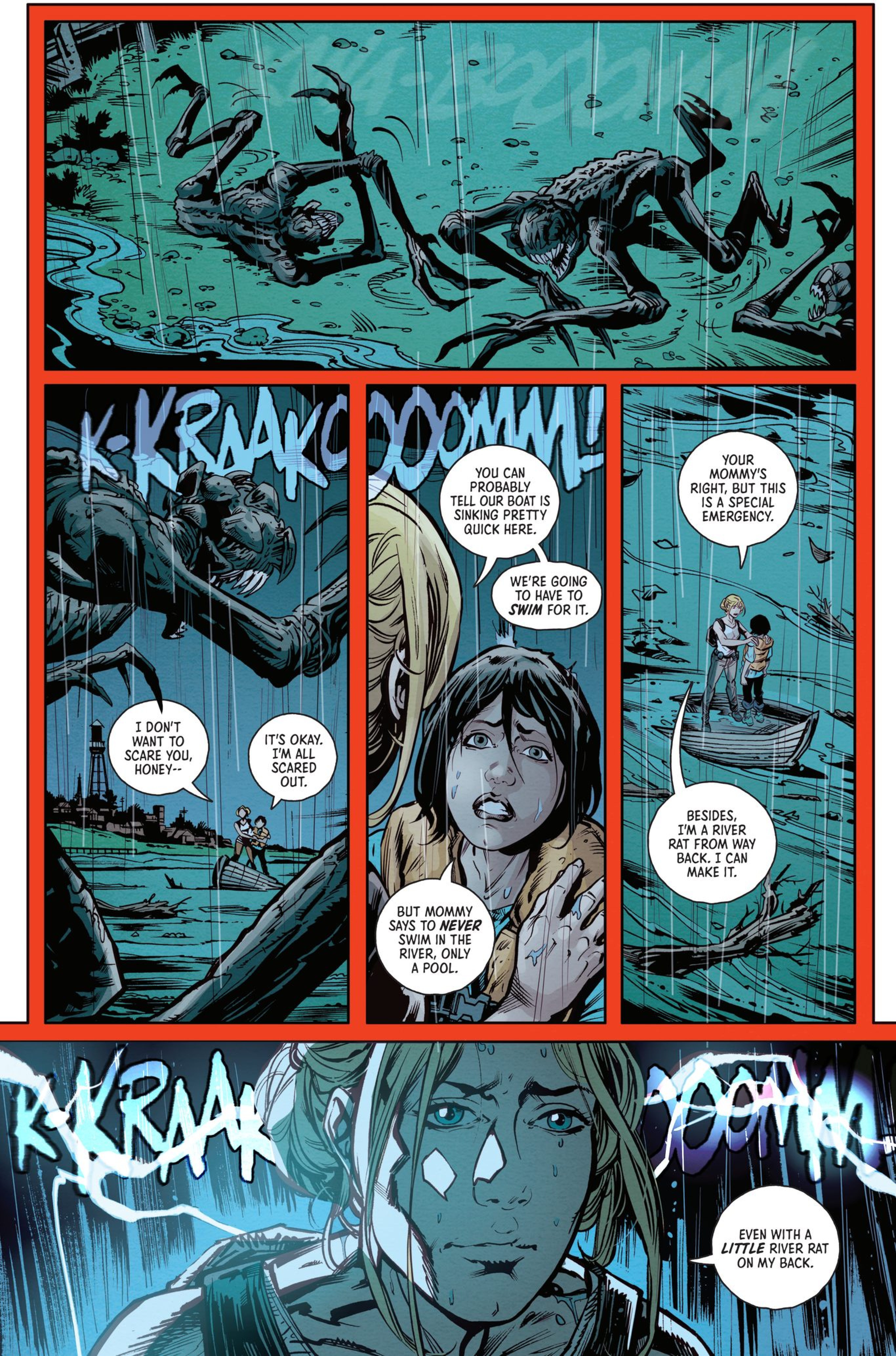
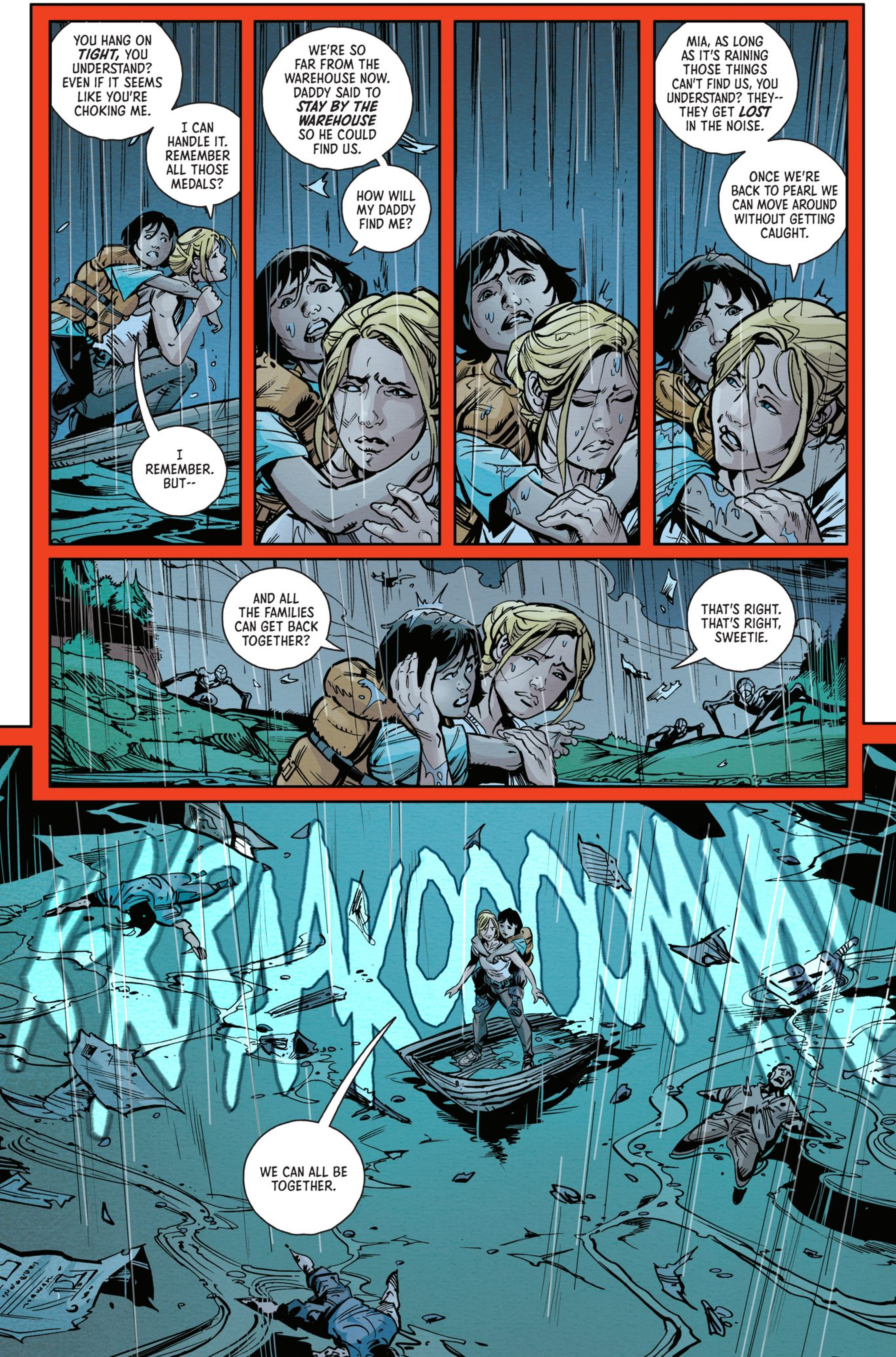
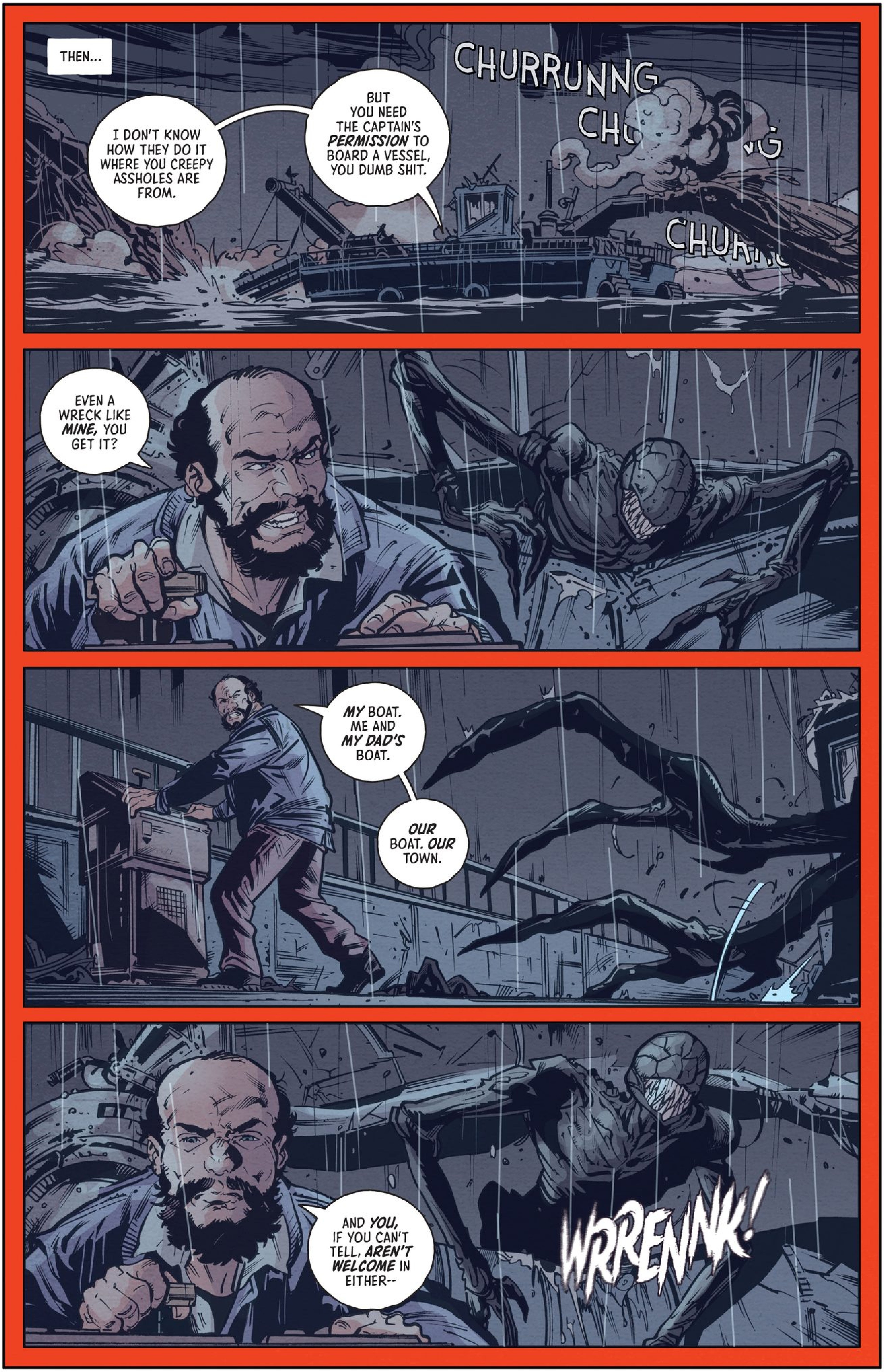
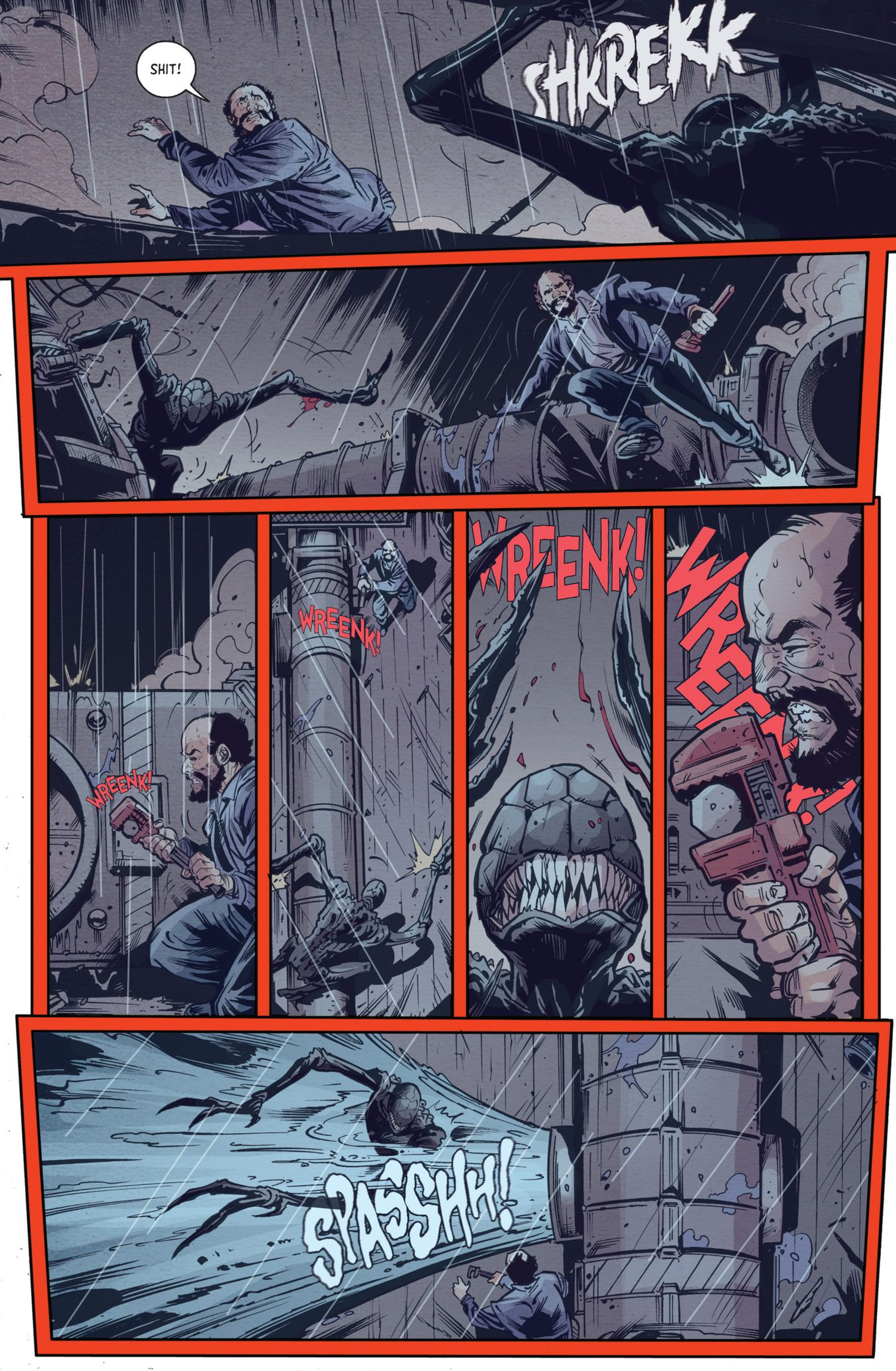
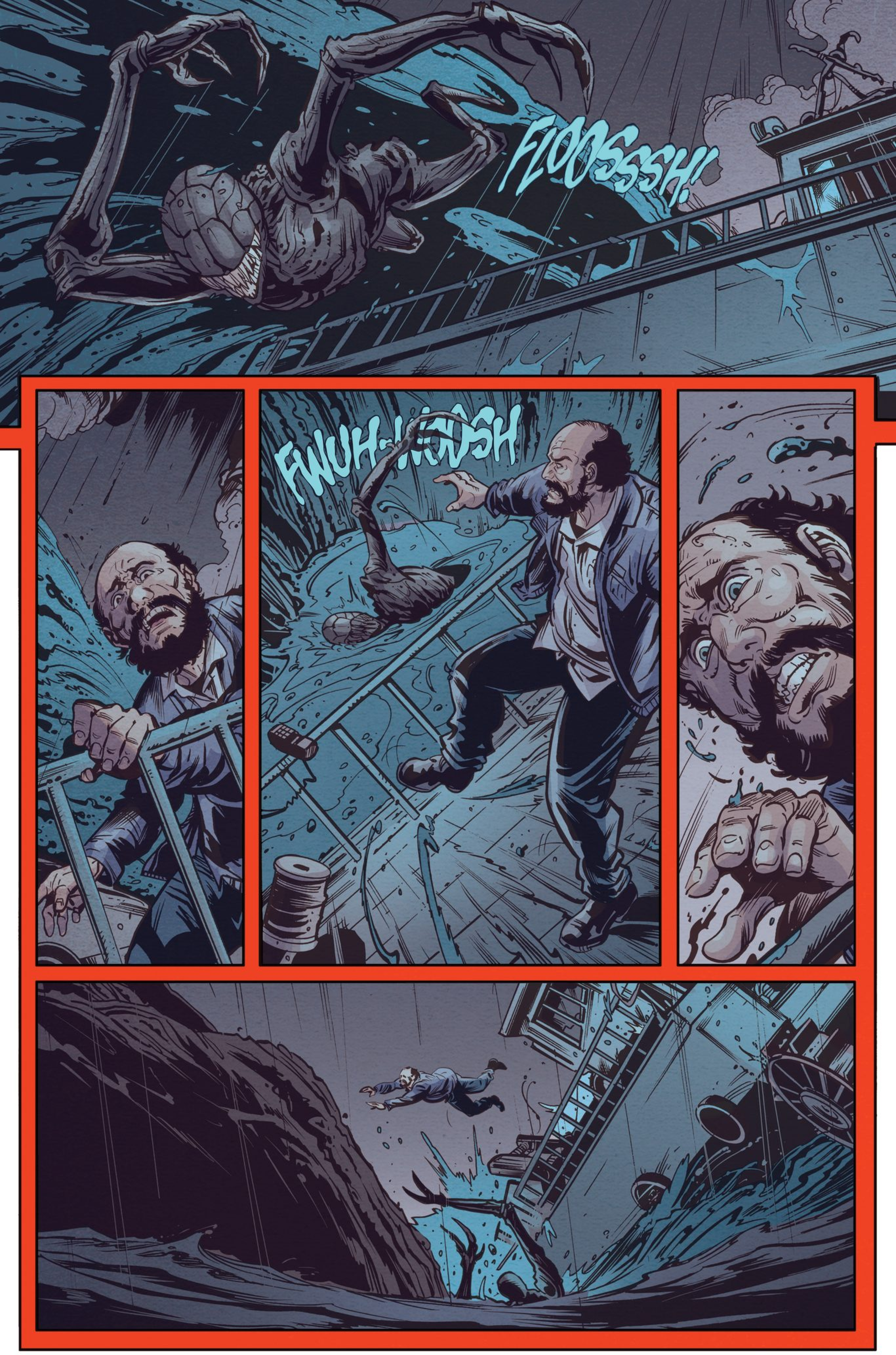
PSSHHHHHH
FSSSSSHHHH—
FFSSSSSHHHHH
K-KRAAKOOOOMM!

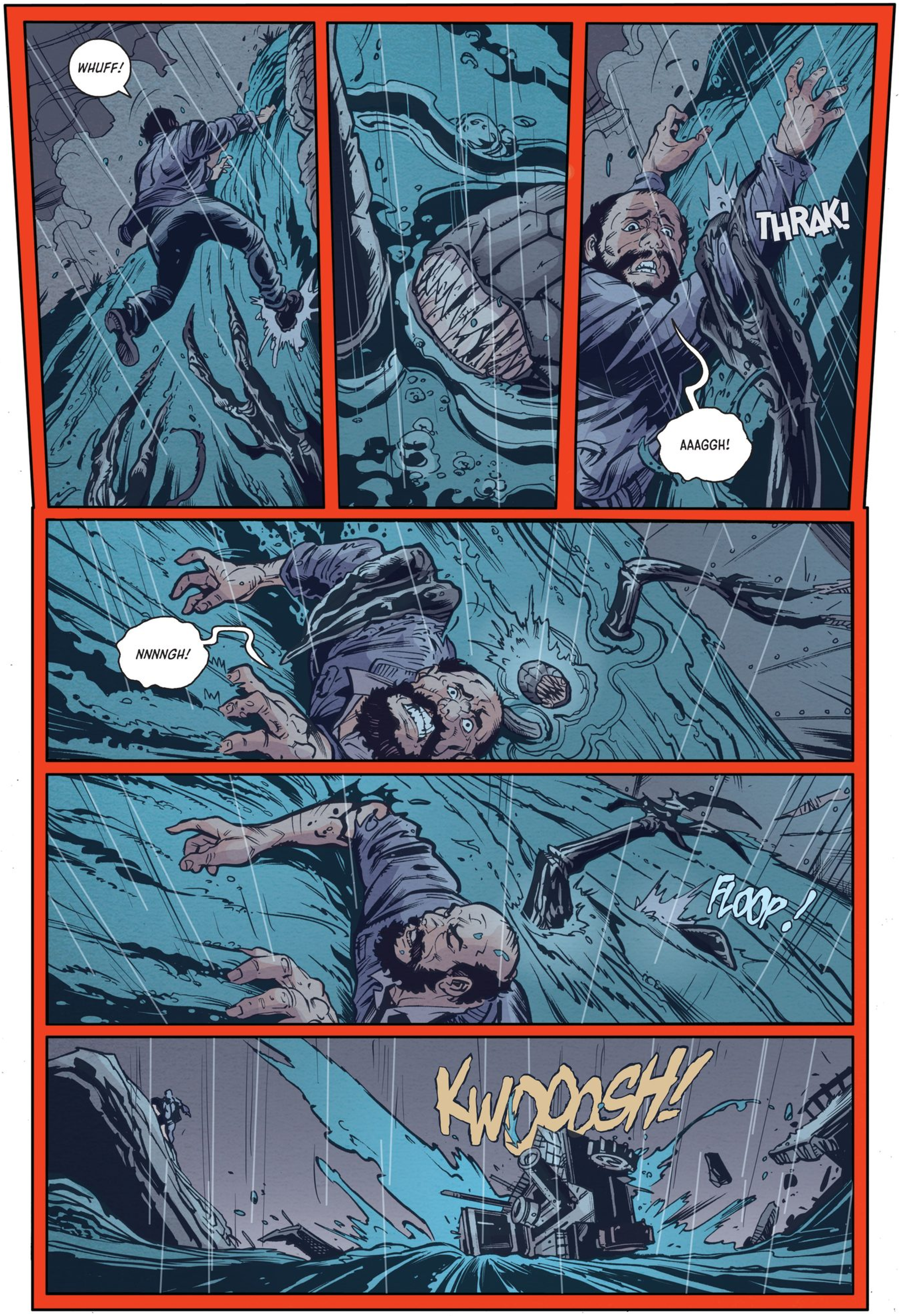

K-KRAAKOOOOMM!
I DON'T WANT TO SCARE YOU, HONEY--
IT'S OKAY. I'M ALL SCARED OUT.
YOU CAN PROBABLY TELL OUR BOAT IS SINKING PRETTY QUICK HERE.
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO *SWIM* FOR IT.
BUT MOMMY SAYS TO *NEVER* SWIM IN THE RIVER, ONLY A POOL.
YOUR MOMMY'S RIGHT, BUT THIS IS A SPECIAL EMERGENCY.
BESIDES, I'M A RIVER RAT FROM WAY BACK. I CAN MAKE IT.
K-KRAAK
OOOM
EVEN WITH A *LITTLE* RIVER RAT ON MY BACK.

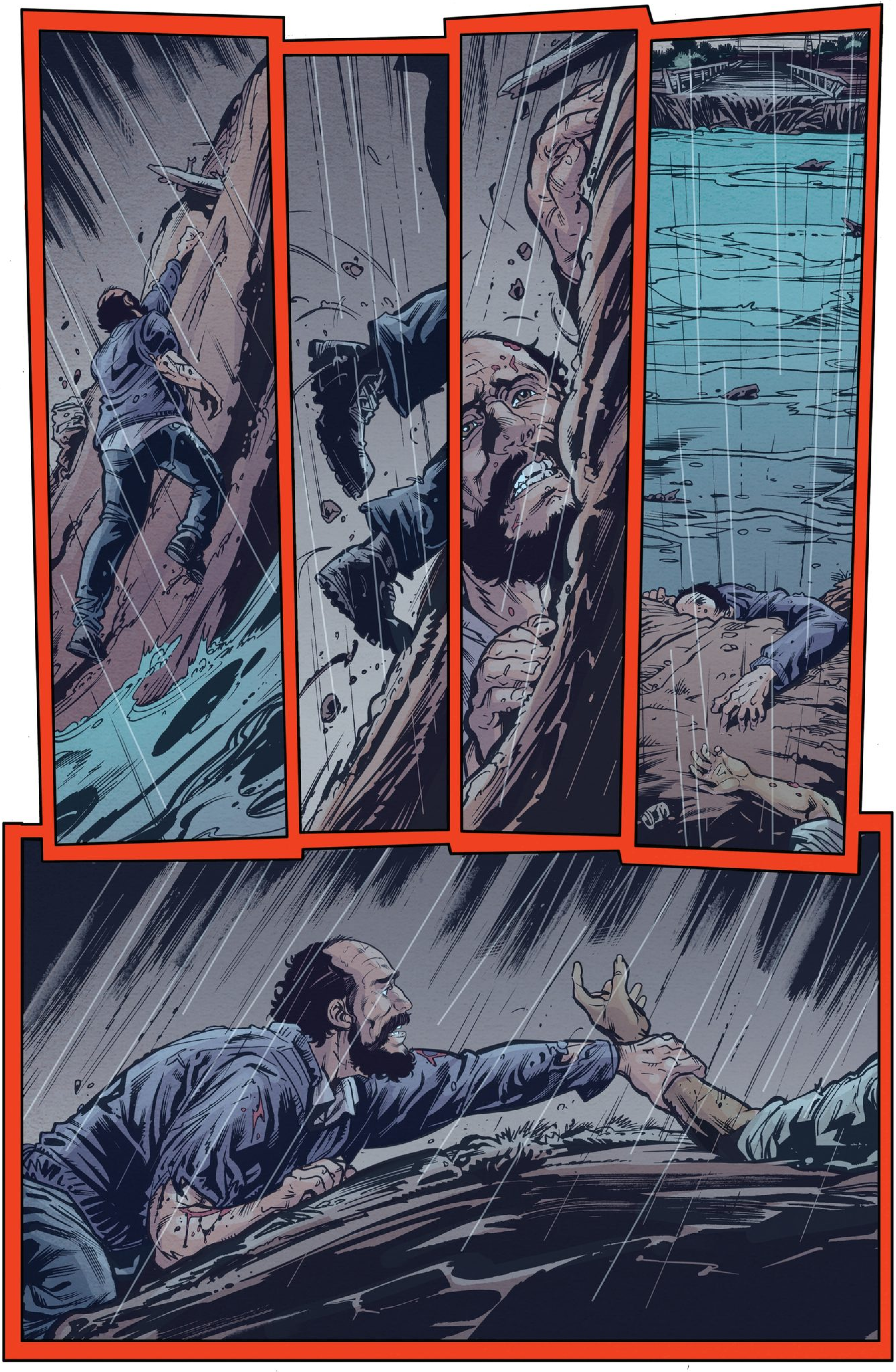

YOU HANG ON ***TIGHT,*** YOU UNDERSTAND? EVEN IF IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE CHOKING ME.
I CAN HANDLE IT. REMEMBER ALL THOSE MEDALS?
I REMEMBER. BUT--
WE'RE SO FAR FROM THE WAREHOUSE NOW. DADDY SAID TO ***STAY BY THE WAREHOUSE*** SO HE COULD FIND US.
HOW WILL MY DADDY FIND ME?
MIA, AS LONG AS IT'S RAINING THOSE THINGS CAN'T FIND US, YOU UNDERSTAND? THEY-- THEY GET ***LOST*** IN THE NOISE.
ONCE WE'RE BACK TO PEARL WE CAN MOVE AROUND WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT.
AND ALL THE FAMILIES CAN GET BACK TOGETHER?
THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S RIGHT, SWEETIE.
WE CAN ALL BE TOGETHER.

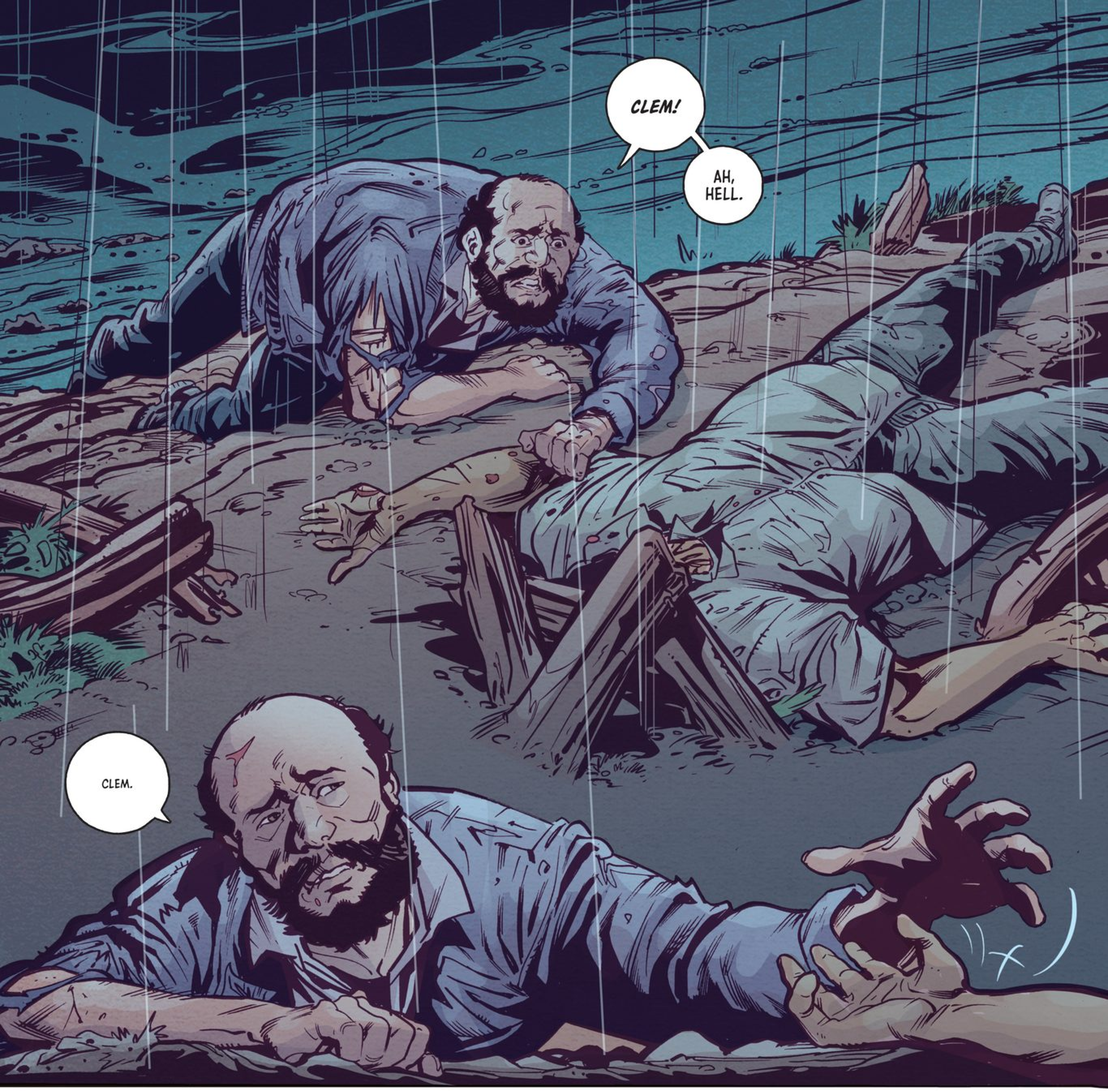

THEN...
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DO IT WHERE YOU CREEPY ASSHOLES ARE FROM.
BUT YOU NEED THE CAPTAIN'S ***PERMISSION*** TO BOARD A VESSEL, YOU DUMB SHIT.
CHURRUNNG
CHU NG
CHURN
EVEN A WRECK LIKE ***MINE,*** YOU GET IT?
MY BOAT. ME AND ***MY DAD'S*** BOAT.
OUR BOAT. ***OUR*** TOWN.
AND ***YOU,*** IF YOU CAN'T TELL, ***AREN'T WELCOME*** IN EITHER--
WRRENNK!

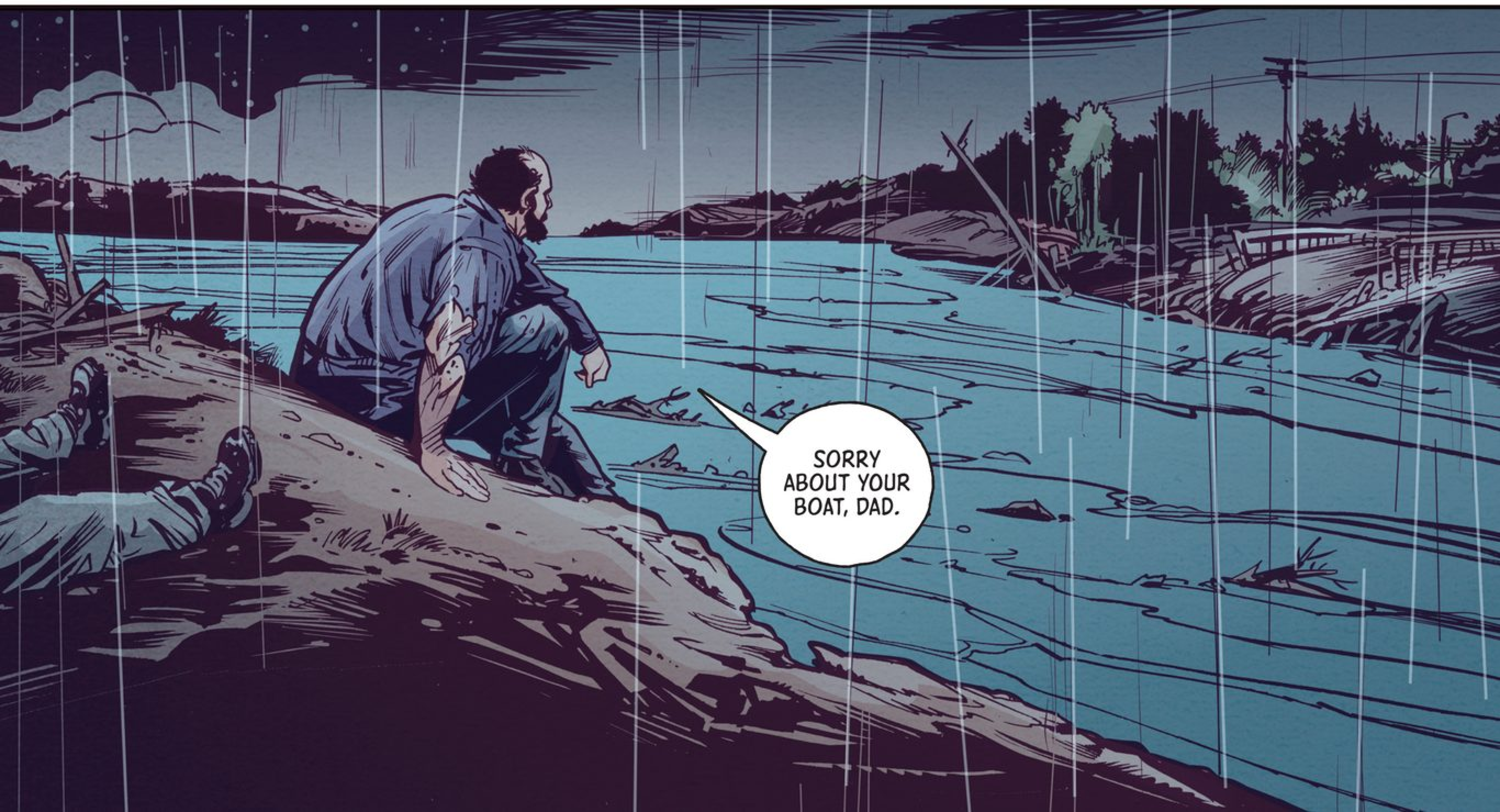

SHIT!
SHKREKK
WREENK!
WREENK!
WREENK!
WREENK!
SPASSHH!

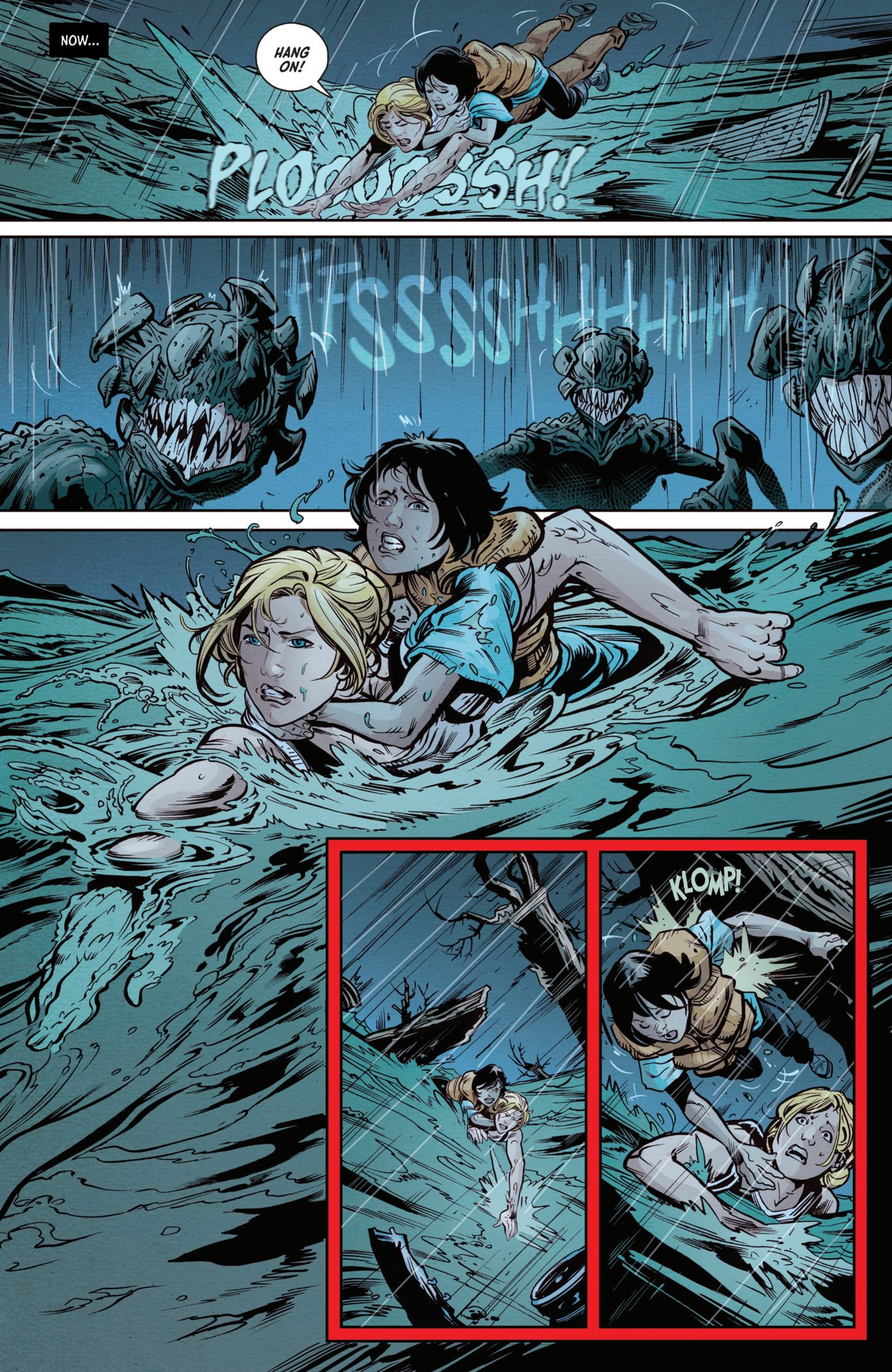

FLOOSSSH!
FWUH-WOOSH

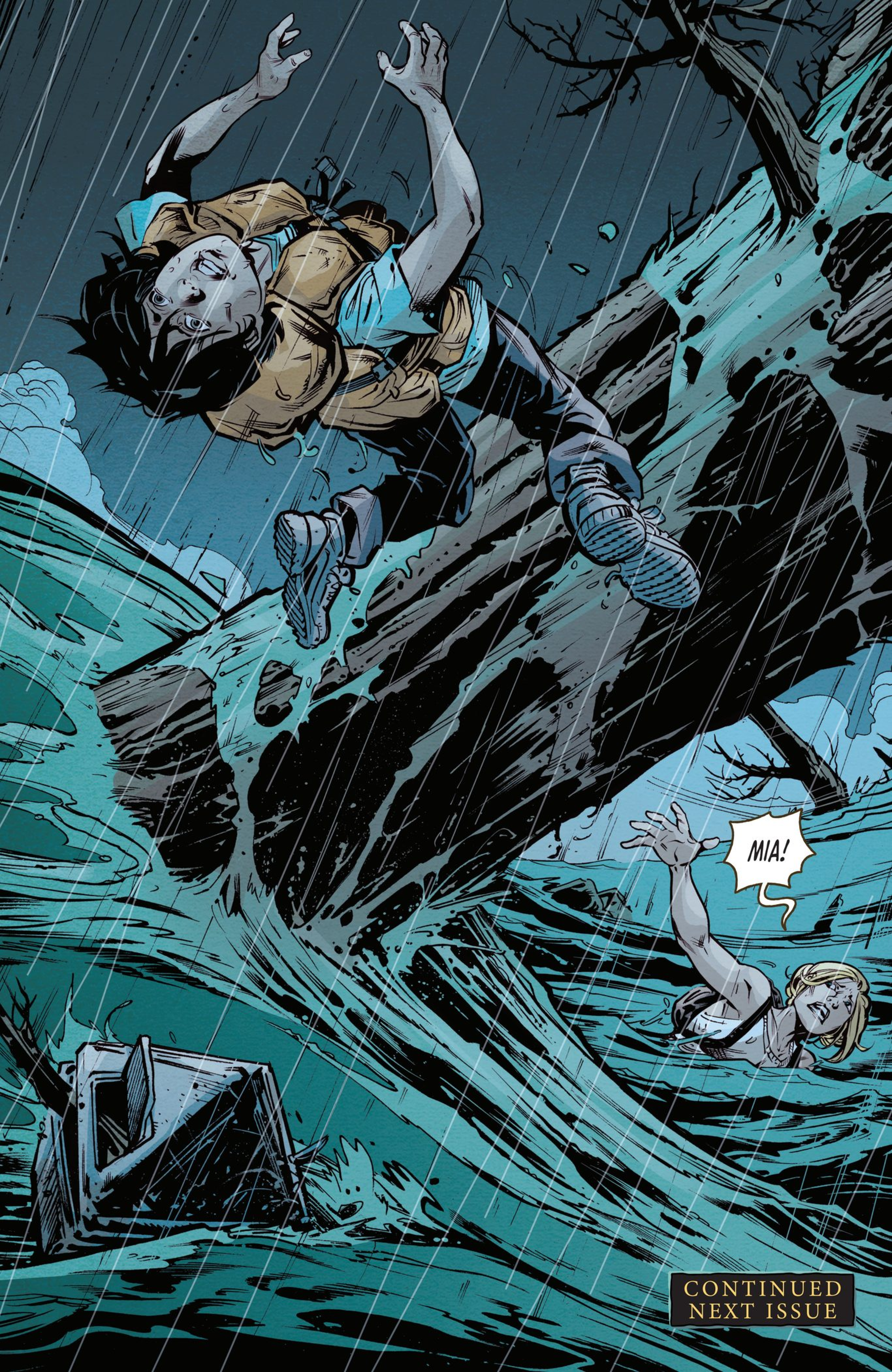

WHUFF!
THRAK!
AAAGGH!
NNNNGH!
FLOOP!
KWOOOSH!




CLEM!
AH, HELL.
CLEM.


SORRY ABOUT YOUR BOAT, DAD.


NOW...
HANG ON!
PLOOOOSSH!
FSSSSHHHHHH
KLOMP!



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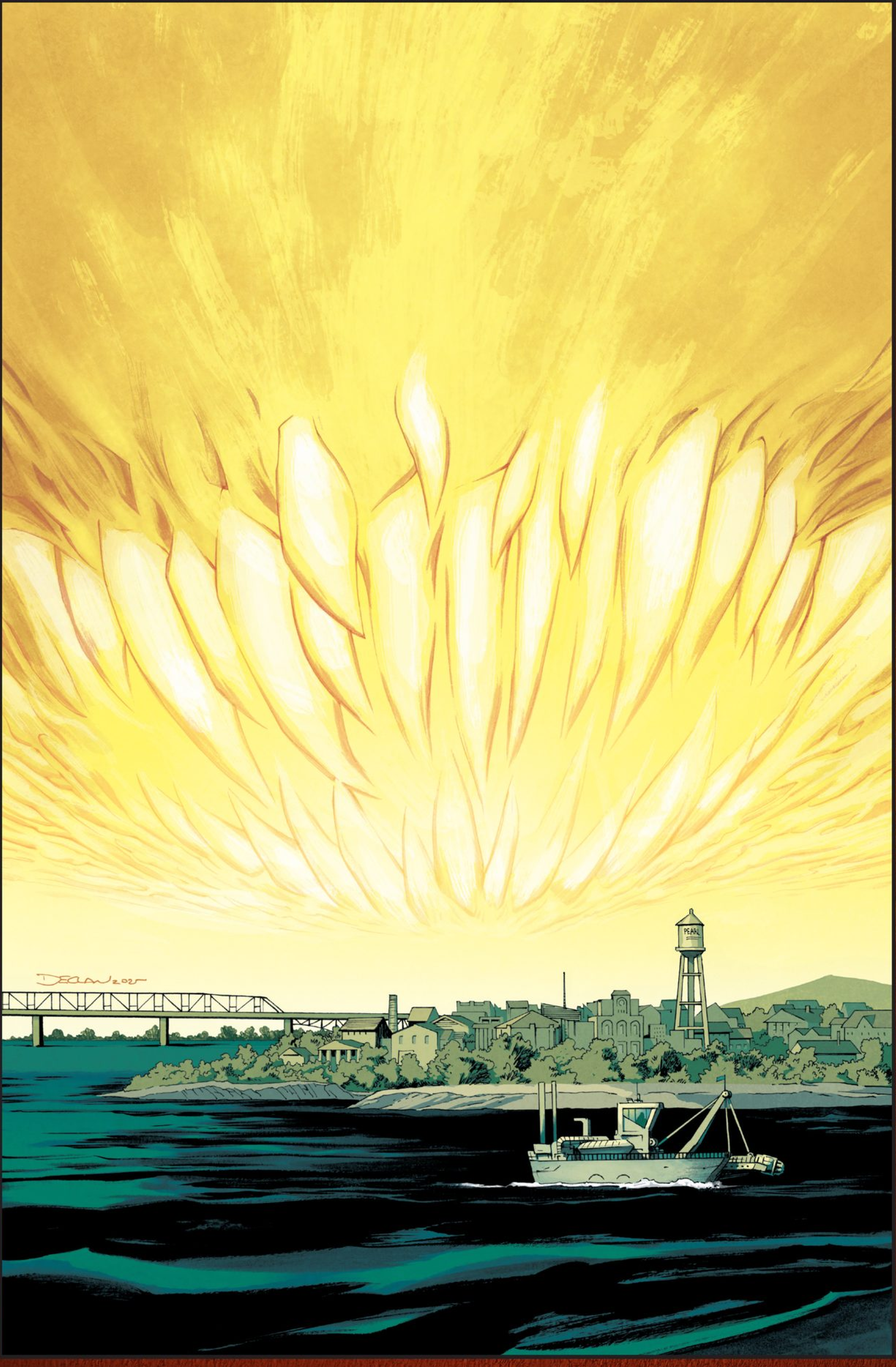

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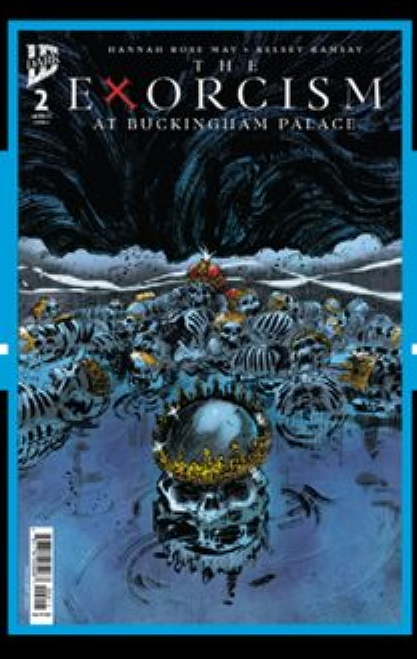
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